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MR GREENFIELD AND MOORE FROM ZORTHIAN

A REGULAR FOREIGN PRESS BRIEFING, MISSION SPOKESMAN KAPLAN
HAD FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. GEORGIA REPRESENTATIVE HOWARD CALLAWAY, MEMBER HOUSE ARMED
FORCES COMMITTEE, LEAVING TOMORROW MORNING, AVAILABLE AT AIRPORT
VIP LOUNGE FOR STATEMENT.
2. DEPUTY AMB JOHNSON SAW FORMER ARMY SECT STEVENS AND SWISS
CONSUL TODAY.

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HANOI RADIO INTERNATIONAL SERVICE 1705 GMT JUNE 9 BROADCAST

FOLLOWING STATEMENT FROM NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT ON PRESIDENT
JOHNSON'S REMARKS ON US TROOPS TAKING PART IN BATTLE HERE:

QUOTE IF USG GIVES SELF RIGHT ORDER US TROOPS TAKE PART IN FIGHTING IN
SVN, NLF ALSO GIVES SELF RIGHT CALL WHEN NECESSARY FOR VOLUNTEERS FROM ARM

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OF NVN AND FRIENDLY COUNTRIES TO GO SOUTH TO OPPOSE US AGGRESSION
ENDQUOTE.

SPOKESMAN REMINDED CORRESPONDENTS THAT NLF FIRST CLAIMED RIGHT TO
TO CALL FOR "VOLUNTEERS" ON MARCH 22 BUT REFERRED THEM TO
"CHILDREN OF SVN REGROUPED TO NORTH" WITH NO MENTION OF
NVN ARMY. THIS WAS FIRST PUBLIC ADMISSION THAT PAVN BEING ASKED
TO SUPPLY "VOLUNTEERS".

KAPLAN ALSO READ TEXT OF WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT ON US TROOP

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COMMITMENT IN SVN.

MACV REP REPORTED THAT LARGE VIET CONG FORCE ATTACKED DONG XOAI DISTRICT TOWN, DON LUAN DISTRICT AND NEARBY SPECIAL FORCES CAMP THIS MORNING BEGINNING AT 0200 HOURS. TOWN IS LOCATED ABOUT 60 MILES NORTH OF SAIGON. DETAILS OF ATTACK BEING FILED USINFO CHANNEL.

MACV REP SAID HEAVY FIGHTING IS CONTINUING. IN RESPONSE QUESTION, MACV REP SAID THAT, AS FAR AS MACV KNOWS, SPECIAL FORCES CAMP HAS BEEN OVERRUN. MACV REP ESTIMATED THAT VC FORCE CONSISTED

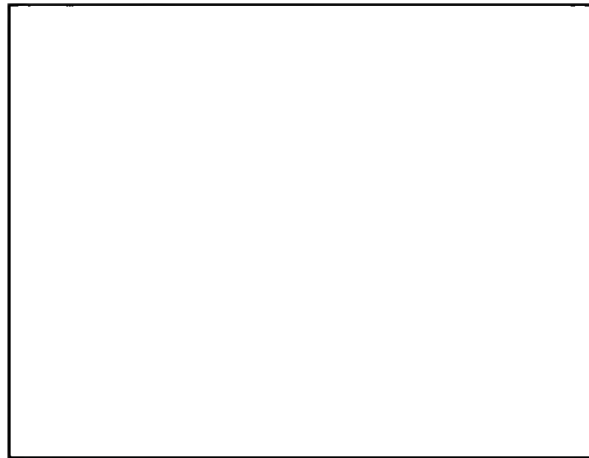
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IN RESPON QUESTION, MACV REP SAID THAT VC STILL CONTROL MOST OF BATTLE AREA.

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